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Disability Determination Services - The Disability Determination Services (DDS) works with the Social Security Administration (SSA) in administering two disability programs. They use the same medical/vocational criteria for both programs for determining eligibility for benefits. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) is a monthly benefit paid to eligible individuals who cannot work due to serious physical or mental disability. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a needs based program that provides coverage for adults and children whose income and resources are below a specified level.

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) - The Social Security Act and related laws establish a number of programs which have the basic objectives of; providing for the material needs of individuals and families; protecting aged and disabled persons against the expenses of illnesses that could otherwise exhaust their savings; keeping families together; and giving children the opportunity to grow up in health and security.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) - SSI pays monthly checks to people who are 65 or older, or blind, or have a disability and who don't own much or have a lot of income. SSI isn't just for adults. Monthly checks can go to disabled and blind children, too. People who get SSI usually get SNAP and Medicaid, too. Medicaid helps pay doctor and hospital bills. See SSI materials, SSI brochure, SSI eligibility, and What you need to know when you get SSI.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) - "Temporary Assistance for Needy Families" (TANF) changed the focus of AFDC from a check-receiving program to one that focuses on providing opportunities to families to become self-supporting.

Medicaid/Medicare - This program assures that all necessary medical care is available to all eligible low income Montanans

Plans for Achieving Self Sufficiency (PASS) - A PASS is meant to help individuals with disabilities acquire those items, services or skills needed to compete with able-bodied persons for an entry-level job in a professional, business or trade environment. A PASS lets you set aside money and/or other things you own to help you reach your goal. See How To Obtain A Form.

Impairment-Related Work Expenses (IRWE) - An impaired individual may be eligible for Impairment-Related Work Expense deductions if he or she meets the SSA definition

of disability; and because of a physical or mental impairment(s), requires assistance (services, medical devices, etc.) in order to work.

Healthy Montana Kids (HMK) is a free or low-cost health coverage plan. The plan provides health coverage to eligible Montana children and teenagers up to age 19. A child can qualify for HMK based on family size and income.

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